Rocks

Rocks, August 23.- We are thankful for the nice rain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and children attended the Farmer reunion at Evergreen last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and Len spent a few days in Greenbelt, Maryland with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Donna.

Sandra Roach, Shirley Arrington and Cassie Baldwin attended a home-coming at Worsham Church Sunday.

Shelby Tucker, of Central, had charge of the prayer service Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson and Mr and .Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family attended the revival meeting at Hebron one night last week.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett, of Evergreen spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge.

Sandra Roach spent one night last week with Shirley Arrington.

Mrs. D. R. Inge returned home from Norfolk Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder attended the revival meeting at Madisonville Presbyterian Church last Monday night.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and daughter, Ernestine and Mrs. Lizzie M. Robinson and Cassie Baldwin called to see Mrs. Robert Roach awhile Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and daughters were at Pamplin awhile Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach were in Lynchburg awhile Thursday morning.

Sunday School will open at 9:30 Sunday morning, so all can attend the home-coming at Hollywood.

Mrs. Victor Jones, of Newport News spent last week with her mother, Mrs. G. T. Marsh, who is not so well.

Mrs. A. T. Anderson and Mrs. Dave Childress were visiting Mrs. E. S. Roach one afternoon last week.

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Beckham

Beckham, August 24.- Our sympathy goes to the family of T. H. Burge, who passed away on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. J. T. Morris, and Mrs. T. R. Martin Jr. and girls, Faye and Janet, visited Marvin Martin, of Lynchburg, who spent the week-end at home from the Veterans Hospital, Roanoke.

Linda Ferguson, of Vera visited Faye and Gloria Martin last week.

Janet and Eddie Martin spent Sunday night with Mrs. Robert Morris.

Mrs. Edwin Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson and family spent Sunday evening with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. E. W. Martin and Lottie Burge spent the week-end in Hampton, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burge, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Martin and boys, Claude I. and Donnie; Mrs. Winston Martin and daughter, Gloria; and Mrs. H. O. Martin visited Mrs. E. A. Martin, of Lynchburg, Sunday.

YELLOW LIGHTS AT LEAST ARE LESS ATTRACTIVE TO INSECTS

Yellow lights don't repel insects.. as many people think.. but at least they don't act as a lure.

John M. Amos, associate entomologist at VPI, says that actually the insects just don't see yellow lights. Insects are attracted to the blue and ultra violet light of the spectrum, and the yellow screens out the bug attractor.

If you'd like to have less bugs at the back yard picnic, yellow lights should help. And try placing a strong blue light (regular bulb) in a remote corner to invite the insects to a picnic of their own, leaving the peopled area relatively free of insects under the yellow light. Of course, this doesn't kill the pests.. that's where aldrin and dieldrine come in.

The "Great Fire of London" was in 1666.

MOUNTAIN TOP HORSE RIDING AT SKYLAND

Skyland, August 19.- If you'd like to get on your high horse literally, you can find the answer in Shenandoah National Park.

Here at the Skyland vacation center, which is among the numerous resort and travel facilities operated in the Park and along the Skyline Drive, is one of the highest based public stables in the East.

Skyland itself is at an altitute of 3,540 feet, but when you secure your mounts you can strike out on a well traveled trail that leads to the summit of nearby Stony Man Mountain, elevation 4,010 feet. The mountain is the Park's most famous and its second highest.

Visitors to the Park and Skyline Drive keep the 20 horses of Skyland stables busy from May through the middle of October. The famous Appalachian Trail, which extends along the mountaintops from Maine to Georgia, is a bridle path in the Park. In addition, there is Dickey Ridge Trail in the northern area of the Park as well as important side trails and the fire roads. All lead to interesting and fascinating scenic spots, and all are constantly maintained for safe riding.

Most popular places for riders to visit are Stony Man Mountain and Whiteoak Canyon, where cascades and giant hemlock create sights that are unusual for the East.

Most riders, because of Skyland's accessibility to so many points of interest, are content to go out for just a few hours. But for those who are the real outdoors type, overnight rides can be readily arranged.

Those who love to ride regularly find the stable on the mountain top ideal in summer with the cool, crisp air of the mountains kind to both horse and rider alike.

STATISTICS

The first five months of 1954 saw the nation as a whole with a decrease of five per cent in traffic deaths when compared to the same period of 1953. Thirty states had fewer deaths and their percentages of reduction ranged from Oregon's one to West Virginia's 35. Virginia's stood at 19. Seventeen states showed increases which ran from New Mexico's two per cent to Rhode Island's 39. Florida remained the same.

Evergreen

Evergreen, August 24.- B. T. U. social met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson and family last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Paulette motored to Bristol recently, visiting relatives.

Misses Barbara Anne Wooldridge and Joan Harris and Roberta Harvey and Dorothy Anne Paulette and Mrs. James Paulette spent the week-end at Y. W. A. Viewmont Camp Charlottesville.

Mrs. Doris Perkins, of Roanoke spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar and Patsy.

Mrs. Annie Ringham and Mrs. Alice Babcock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham recently.

Mrs. R. E. Harris and daughter Joan visited Mrs. W. E. Williams last week at Roanoke, who has just returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. T. E. LeGrande is spending this week at Ricmhond with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge and daughter, Peggy visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Garrette. Others visiting in this home during the week - end were Mrs. Fred Wooldridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. P Paulette, the Rev. and Mrs. David L. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, of Petersburg; Mrs. Reuben Garrette and daughter, of Amherst.

Mrs. W. C. Garrett is on the sick list this week. Hope she will soon be out again.

Evergreen, Va., August2 4.- Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Farmer and daughter, Majorie, of Brenham, Texas arrived Thursday for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. Clara Garrett and attended the reunion of their family on Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Farmer and Majorie motored to Natural Bridge Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Farmer and daughter, of Hillsville, Va. and Miss Mabel Farmer, of Hampton, Va. were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and attended the Farmer reunion Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Farmer, of Rose Hill, Va. spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Clara Garrett and attended the Farmer reunion Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Farmer, of Troy, Ala., remained for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Clara Garrett following the reunion on Sunday.

Miss Majorie Farmer, of Brenham, Texas spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge, of Pamplin, Va.

Florida, the last of the territory owned in North America by the Spaniards, was ceded to the United States in 1819.

NEW COURSE AT LONGWOOD COLLEGE

Farmville.- A graduate program leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in Education and Master of Science in Education at Longwood College and Madison College beginning in the 1955 summer session has been authorized by the State Board of Education, according to a joint statement released by President Dabney S. Lancaster of Longwood College and President G. Tyler Miller of Madison College.

The program of graduate study which will be offered by the two colleges has the dual goal of providing teachers of the state with the opportunity of securing better preparation for effective teaching and enabling graduates of liberal arts colleges to gain the professional background necessary for school work.

Although the masters' ... offered will be in the field ... tion, graduate study in ... tional subject fields will be ... by both colleges. Students ... vote nearly three-fourths ... graduate study to such ... history, English, biology, ... and other subjects in which ... ed study is desired by te... the state.

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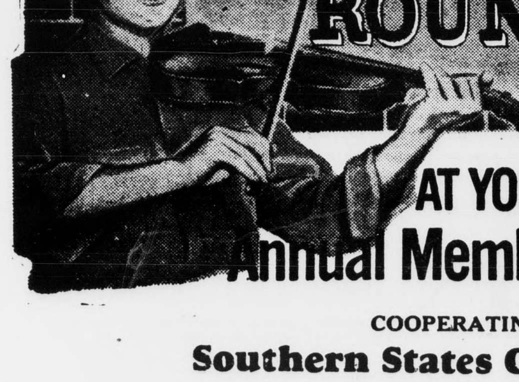

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Squad of 60 Out For Football at A. H. S.

Football practice has begun at Appomattox High School, and Coach Gordon Bragg reports that 60 boys turned out for the first week of practice.

Missing among this year's squad members are 15 players from last year's group, who graduated. There are 24 returning men this season who have had some experience either on varsity or junior varsity teams last season. Some of the boys are a bit "green' about football, but it is hoped that by the end of this month some of the newcomers will be able to help out on the schedule, which includes some of the best Group Two schools in the state. Bill Jamerson and Ed Cawthorne, former A. H. S. stars, have been helping Coach Bragg during the past week, and the squad members have gained a lot of good football knowledge from them.

Boys returning that have varsity experience are: Teddy Mitchell, co-captain; John Rothgeb, co-captain Ralph Harris, Jerry George, James Tweedy, Pete Baber, Ronnie Lewis, Alton Smith, Claude Moore, Jack Burks, Garland Doss, "Boots" Carter, Jimmy Harper, Tommie O'Brien. Boys having junior varsity experience are: Lewis McDearmon Billy Carson, Pete Guill, Frank Cawthorne, "Buddy" Poe, Eddie Rothgeb, John Paulette, John Holland, Jack Caldwell, Dickie O'Brien, Raymond Ferguson, Wesley Carr Sam Kerr, Harold Doss, Leon Edmunds, Terrell Martin, Bradley Babcock, Wayne Moore, Luther Reynolds.

Coach Bragg believes that among this group he has the material for another Blue Hornet winner. The team will play five home games this year. Four games are scheduled in the District League play. Teams not played last year include: Princess Anne H. S. of Oceana, Va.; Gretna H. S., and Augusta Military Academy.

The schedule:

Sept. 10.- Bassett High School, here 8:00 P. M.
Sept. 17.- William Fleming High School there 8:00 P. M.
Sept. 24.- Princes Anne High School There 8:00 P. M.
Oct. 1.- Altavista High School There 8:00 P. M.
Oct. 8.- Gretna High School Here 8:00 P. M.
Oct. 15.- Halifax County High There 8:00 P. M.
Oct. 22.- Brookville High School Here 8:00 P. M.
Oct. 29.- Bedford High School Here 8:00 P. M.
Nov. 5.- Augusta Military Academy There 3:00 P. M.
Nov. 11.- E. C. Glass J. V. Here 8:00 P. M.

The Altavista, Gretna, Brookville and Bedford tilts are league games.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

[A]fter finishing the evening papers [last n]ight, comfortably seated in my [easy chair] at home, I chanced to browse [through the] bookshelves for something [to] read. And so it was that I [picked] up a faded volume of the [works] of Oliver Wendell Holmes. [It was] a rather old volume .. it had [been the] property of my late aunt, Mary Robinson, of Norfolk ... along, hoping to come across [a f]avorite among the writings of ...: The Chambered Nautilus. ... I came to page 69, and did [not] get any further, for on that [page] was his fine poem, "The Last [Leaf]" It goes along to the last ... which begin....

"And if I should live to be [the] last leaf upon the tree...." [After] reaching these lines, I closed [the] book, and just sat for a spell [turn]ing them over in my mind .. "[The l]ast leaf upon the tree." I am [now] old in years, 49 next December ... when you look back and ... events of yesteryear, you ... what Holmes was thinking. [For ex]ample:

[I cam]e to Appomattox in September, 1931. This is September, 1954, [and al]ready I feel like one of the "[last l]eaves" of a generation. Gee, [the c]hanges in the town and county [in] 23 short years! Ieaving off ... times were back in the ...'s, and thinking only of ... remembered that the first ... made in Appomattox was to ... rattle-trap car down at ... No. 1, to see if the young manager, Lewis Doss, could ... run again, while I walked "the printing office" to see if ... named A. H. Clement wanted ... his newspaper. Gee, I got [think]ing about that old car, and ... have changed for motor... Jim Lueado! He would remember that I had the most ... car that ever hit town. I [s]old it for ten bucks after ... here over a year! I got Mr. Clement,.. "Captain" ...ryone called him. What a ... and Virginia gentle... he would sell the paper. ... sold it several times before ... that the paper had a fu... were "over 400" sub... and he boasted that a live... work hard and increase ... its regular four pages to ...! We made a deal, and on ... 15, 1931, I took over. ...ton, one of the best work... ever known, agreed to ... and print the paper for me. ... was a salvation, for then ... nothing whatsoever of how ... the "back shop." Eventu... to learn the hard way, for ... to come to pass that for ... year, Mother Brightleaf and ... the paper without any ... that is, after "Uncle ... had passed on, and Staton ... to a better job with a ... paper. Ah yes.. "the last ... H. M. Burge was running one ... stores in Central Vir... Appomattox had other ... merchants in L. E. Smith, J. D. ... and Justin L. Burkey and ... Smith was a lovable man ... in his store by Don ... at Burge's, Dick Law... Stanley, Mrs. Ola Pat... others really knew how to ... merchandise. J. D. Morris had ... grocery business in the rear ... and W. M. Morris did ... in men's wear in the ... Justin Burkey was one of the ... I ever knew. He built ... grocery business and was ... top users of advertis... S. W. "Tad" Sears was ... the Appomattox Hard... O. W. Martin was the ... joy of the hardware per... his skill as a champion ...". H. C. Babcock was a ... in years then, but surely ... man of great personality ... one could never for... and J. E. Sears was build... nice lumber manufactur... J. M. Rosser brought ... trade to town, as did ... Smith. R. A. Glenn was the ... down at The White Front ... everyone for miles and ... knew that T. W. and ... were just the best Chev... in the state! H. C. ... the telephone company ... went in with Frank Caw... the Ford agency. A. T. ... a profitable store, and F. ... had the battery plant ... And "up on the hill" ... Lewis Ferguson held forth ... in the political world. ... Kline Pulliam and

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County School Teachers To Hold 2-Day Meeting Next Week

A two-day meeting of Appomattox County school teachers will be held here next Tuesday and Wednesday, prior to the opening of the public schools Thursday, September 9.

"Studying Pupils" will be the theme of the teachers' meeting held at Appomattox High School, it was announced by Supervisor Aubrey L. Keesee.

Division Superintendent J. A. Burke will preside at a general meeting, opening at 9:30 Tuesday. The Rev. William Carey will conduct devotionals. Then there will be an introduction of new teachers and staff announcements by Mrs. Mildred Alvis, Visiting Teacher; Miss Mary Rives Black, County Librarian, and Mr. Keesee, Director of Intruction.

A general meeting will get under way at 10:45, with Mr. Keesee presiding. W. A. Watson will discuss Teachers' Group Insurance and W. S. Taylor will discuss student insurance. A film, "School Health in Action," will be shown at 11:25, followed by comments by Dr. H. E. Jenkins, Director Southside Health Center. Lunch will be served in the high school cafeteria at 12:30.

From 1:30 to 3:30 there will be a meeting of Appomattox Education Association.

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, Mr. Keesee will preside at a general meeting beginning at 9:00 A. M.

C. L. Kent, Supervisor of Guidance Services, State Department of Education, will be consultant at a showing of films portraying the behavior of pupils in high school. The films are called, "Children Learning by Experience," and "Feeling of

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Admissions To McLean House Decrease in '54

Total attendance in the National Park Service area at Old Appomattox Court House has held up to the same general figures as last summer, but admissions to the McLean House are off considerably.

The figures for admissions to the McLean House are:

July,	1953	5,047
July,	1954	3,445
August,	1954	5,670
August,	1954	4,181

This has been approximately offset by increased attendance at the Museum and other historic sites in the area, which have caused total visitors in the area to be approximately 10,000 each month.

This decline in admission to the McLean House may have been influenced by introduction of a 25¢ charge as of July 1 this year. The number of local people has fallen off in admissions, it is believed, due to the fact that most of them have visited the famed building many times before since its restoration. This is likely too, in the light of the fact that the addition of many new items in the New Muesum, which is located in Clover Hill Tavern, recently restored, has influenced local visitors to visit that with guests instead of the McLean House. The famous Guillaume oil painting of the Surrender Scene and an electric map are among the season's additions at the Museum.

During the two months this summer, cash receipts at the McLean House for admissions were $652.25 in July and $728.50 in August, for a total of $1,380.75 since the introduction of the admission charge.

New Entrance To Cemetery

It was announced today that a new parking area will be provided at the Confederate Cemetery at Old Appomattox Court House. Due to the new by-pass highway now being constructed, the present entrance to the cemetery will be closed and a new entrance provided on the opposite side.

WORK IN PROGRESS ON BY-PASS HIGHWAY

Work is in progress of building a by-pass highway around the Old Appomattox Court House village. It is expected that stone base foundation will be placed today. The road will leave the present Route 24 just this side of the Confederate Cemtery and rejoin it at the Memorial bridge at Appomattox River.

Light Rainfall in August

August went into the record book as another dry month in this section of Virginia. According to W. S. Taylor, who reports rainfall here to the weather bureau he had a measurement of 2.30 inches of rain during the month of August. This is a slight fraction more than July, and considerably below the desired total.

Foreign Visitors To Tour Farms

Fifteen foreign visitors will inspect Virginia farms and be briefed on programs of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service during the week of September 13.

P. H. DeHart, assistant director of the Extension Service, says the group will include four Brazilians six Filipinos, one Iranian, one Costa Rican, two Thailanders, and one representative of the national government of China. They will be accompanied by R. E. Smith, assistant community development specialist, University of Georgia, as techinal consultant.

The group, all of whom hold positions in professional agricultural organizations in their respective countries, will be at VPI Monday September 13 and Tuesday morning September 14. Tuesday afternoon they will be in Roanoke County for discussions with representatives of meat packers, banks and Chamber of Commerce representatives on the livestock program, and for visits to farms.

Wednesday morning, September 15, they will continue farm visits in Roanoke County, leaving for tours of Appomattox County farms that afternoon. Thursday they will spend partially in Amelia County partially observing farm and home practices enroute to Richmond. Friday, they are scheduled to visit forestry demonstrations and seed production on farms between Richmond and Tappahannock.

Saturday morning they will leave for Washington, D. C.

To Form New Organization To Help Sports

An organization called the Appomattox IPTAY Club has been set up here for the advancement of athletics at the Appomattox High School.

The membership will be confined to adults and the membership fee is ten dollars a year, as the name indicates: I Pay Ten A Year.

The club officers will consist of a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and a board of four directors. The four directors will sponsor football, basketball, baseball and the summer recreational program at A. H. S. The officers and the board of directors will form an executive committee which will control the membership fund and disbursement will be governed at their direction.

The IPTAY Club will have four meetings a year, with meeting dates to be in line with the seasonal sports. These meetings will be on or about Sept. 1, Jan. 1, March 1, and June 1.

Funds collected by the club will be used to support, in order: football, basketball, baseball, and the summer recreational program.

2 Local Boys To Play at VPI

Two Appomattox boys will be out for football at V. P. I. this fall. Bill Jamerson, a varsity player at Tech, left Tuesday to join in early practice sessions. Jamerson played at Tech last year, and is in good shape for the season and hopes to make another fine showing this season. He is a linesman.

Carter Woodson leaves Sept. 5 to join the V. P. I. squad as a freshmen. He was a star tackle at A. H. S.

SOFTBALL TITLE

Western Auto won the play-offs in the softball league for this summer. They took the final play-off series in games with the Harvey's Store team.

Farmers Elect ASC Board In September

County and community committeemen to administer ASC programs will be elected by farmers in September, E. D. Duncan, chairman of the State ASC Committee, announced today.

This year the elections will be held by mail with ballots mailed to farmers from the ASC county offices on or before September 15 with ballots required to be returned so as to be received in the county office by September 23.

The machinery for holding elections is quite different from that used in prior years, said Mr. Duncan. The regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture have been revised to provide for important election functions being performed by the County Election Boards and Community Election Boards.

County Election Boards will consist of the County Agent, as Chairman; the county heads of SCS and FHA, and the county heads of general farm organizations operating in the county. These boards will select Community Election Boards of three farmers from each community or magisterial district. Incumbent county or community ASC committeemen are not eligible to serve on Community Election Boards.

The Community Election Board

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Asks Drivers To Play Safe

Richmond, Sept. 1.- Pointing to the most heartening savings of lives in Virginia during the Memorial Day and Fourth of July week-ends this year, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Executive Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, asked all who expect to drive or walk in Virginia to work together for an equally safe Labor Day week-end.

This year, both Memorial Day and Fourth of July fell on Sundays to give longer holiday periods than usual since the following Mondays were generally recognized as holidays. In spite of this, the four deaths of Memorial Day week-end were 12 less than those for the 1953 holiday and the seven of the Fourth of July week-end showed a reduction of 14 when compared to the 1953 toll.

These reductions Colonel Woodson attributed largely to the continuing effect of the second offender speed law and a more healthy attitude of the general public. The effect of radar, he said, cannot yet be determined since Virginia shows approximately the same percentage of death reduction now that it did June 1 when a campaign to inform the public on the use of the device went into effect and on July 1 when its use began in earnest. Deaths this year, he said, have run consistently about 20 per cent below those of last year.

Noting that Virginia has participated in the "Slow Down and Live" campaign carried out by 24 states since Memorial Day, Colonel Woodson remarked, "It appears a good many of our drivers have done just that!" Average death reduction for the 24 participating states from Memorial Day through the Fourth of July week-end was 11.5.

The Safety Official promised all available troopers would be on the highways and repeated previous warnings that motorists drive at reasonable speeds; refrain from driving when tired, sleepy or drinking; make allowances for abnormal conditions and allow ample time for the distances they intend to drive.

PEERS HOUSE COMPLETED

The Peers House at Old Appomattox Court House has now been restored, and is being occupied by one of the National Park Service employees as a dwelling. This home was the residence of the county court clerk, George T. Peers, at the time of the Surrender here on April 9, 1865. Restoration of the home was one of the major Park Service projects for this year.

Bragg Begins Seventh Season

Coach Gordon Bragg is starting his seventh season as coach at the Appomattox High School, and will face a heavy ten-game schedule in high hopes of maintaining his remarkably successful record as Blue Hornet mentor. Bragg has never had a losing season with football at A. H. S. His overall record is 41 victories, 13 defeats and 6 ties. The Bragg record by years:

Year	W	L	T
1948	5	4	2
1949	9	1	0
1950	4	4	2
1951	9	1	0
1952	8	1	1
1953	7	2	1
Total	41	13	6

In preparing for his seventh season, the popular coach is looking to the convenience of the fans who attend the home games. An extra 200 new seats are in process of being set up at the town park, and an additional 200 new seats are being moved down from the school grounds. These 400 seats will be on the football field sidelines, giving spectators choice "ringside" positions to view the games.

Tickets for the home games are now being printed and will be ready for sale Monday, with the first home game set for Friday night, Sept. 10, with Bassett High School.

Asked about chances this season, Bragg went on record as believing he will have one of his better back fields and a stout line, somewhat heavier than that of last year. "We hope to win some football games," he declares.

Transco Praised for Work in Game Program

A greatly expanded planting program for upland game was carried out during the spring months of this year. This is a continuation of efforts by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries to bring about restoration of some of the habitat which has been destroyed through agricultural practices.

Considered of commensurate importance is the follow-up work which is being done in checking results of the widespread plantings which have been made every year since the long-range wildlife program was launched. The protracted drought of last year was hurtful, just as it was to field crops, but, in general, plantings in past years have stood up well.

Materials used this spring were sufficient to plant 22,834 separate one-eighth of an acre wildlife establishments. Plots of this size are recommended, but a field border or feed patch is of benefit to wildlife on many acres of surrounding territory. A great deal has been done in recent years to offset habitat destruction throughout Virginia. This is particularly true on steadily increasing numbers of individual farms.

Fine progress has been made in the establishment of special demonstrational areas in nine districts of the state. These are placed with a view to their being used by large numbers of citizens. These plantings have been made through active cooperation with high schools, military personnel on the reservations, sportsmen's clubs and others.

Of particular interest is work which is being done with representatives of the R. E. A. Cooperatives, the soil conservationists and landowners in establishing wildlife plantings of the rights-of-way. In Surry and Appomattox Counties, the utility company bulldozed and disked the ground and the land was fertilized, limed and seeded.

The Transcontinental Pipe Line Corporation is continuing to be most cooperative in Appomattox and in Buckingham, where approximately 19 miles of wooded rights-of-way were seeded by employees of the company, the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries furnishing the seed and the active help of a game technician, and a local sportsmen's club donating the fertilizer.

Observations of progress of plantings made in recent years are proving helpful in a number of ways. Already there is a trend away from the use of slips in establishing the shrub lespedeza, for it is found that equally as good results can be obtained from the use of seed, which are easier for farmers to handle.

While the actual plantings, which are multiplying year by year, are undoubtedly having an effect upon overall production of upland game the educational value of these efforts is of farreaching importance. Landowners are realizing that they can have greater abundance of wildlife through simple methods of improving habitat.